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Docket No.: 20257 US1 (C038435/0128123)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :)
David Carl BURDICK *et al.*) Examiner: S. Qazi
Serial No.: 09/989,554) Art Unit: 1616
Filed: November 20, 2001)
For: **PHYTOSTEROL AND/OR**)
PHYTOSTANOL DERIVATIVES)

New York, New York
March 1, 2004

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 31, 2003 which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before March 1, 2004, because February 29, 2004 fell on a Sunday. 37 CFR §§ 1.7, 1.8, and 1.136. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. 37 CFR § 1.17. Please charge any required extension-of-time fees not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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